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Franchise Fee Petition for Declaratory Ruling Filed With the Commission CSR 6324

The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors ("NATOA") has asked the Commission to issue a declaratory ruling stating that the FCC regulatory fee imposed on cable operators pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 159 is not a franchise fee within the meaning of Section 622(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.

For purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules, this proceeding will be considered as non-restricted pursuant to Section 1.1206 ("permit-but-disclose proceeding"). Comments and oppositions are due within 30 days from the date of this public notice. Please place the case identifier, CSR 6324, on all filings. Comments and oppositions sent via e-mail to the Commission will be considered informal and are not part of the official record. In addition, comments and oppositions filed must indicate that they have been served on the petitioner. All comments and oppositions must be served on petitioner at:

Stephen J. Guzzetta Creighton Bradley & Guzzetta 444 Cedar Street St. Paul, MN 55101

In addition, an original and four copies of all comments and oppositions must be filed with the Commission:

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Petitioner's reply is due 20 days thereafter. Electronic filing is not available at this time. The petition and comments are available for public inspection in the Commission's Reference Information Center:

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